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BUTCHERS 506 SEND MARCH LETTER TO MEN IN SERVICE

Following is the March news letter sent out by Butchers Union 506 of San Jose to all its members in the armed services throughout the world. These letters are sent out monthly and are reprinted in the Union Gazette for benefit of members still at home who are interested in the whereabouts and adventures of their brothers in service.

March 20th, 1944

It has been quite some time since we wrote our last letter, but news seems a little scarce at present. All we hear is the political news, each side trying to outdo the other. We, of Labor are trying to do our part by insisting that our people register and do their part on Election Day. Our one bright hope is that Labor's friend in the White House will consent to carry on a little longer, at least until you boys return home.

It won't be long before another cut will be taken in our membership, as Uncle Sam is certainly taking anyone who feels a little warm, married or single. Lester and I are expecting a call any day, and Lester says he will be called after they have taken the Draft Board members.

Walter Groschel has entered the Merchant Marines. Several boys are waiting to be called. Charles Petree, a meat cutter from Palo Alto, who has been on Retiring card for over a year has enlisted in the Navy and has been sent to Farragut, Idaho. Alvin Ferreira of the Crown By-Products leaves this week.

We received a very nice letter from Joe Rositano, who has been in the Service 18 months and feels just like an oldtimer. Joe has been in the Aleutians for quite some time.

Tom Castro has been transferred to another island and says our letters have not been coming through. We received two letters from Tom this month.

Elmer Grant of Sawney in Monterey is stationed at Buckley Field, Colorado, and expects to be shipped to Camp Bowman, Kentucky. He is working as a butcher for his squadron, and says the "meat at present is tops until the cooks get it and then any similarity to the original is purely coincidental."

He sent this message to the boys to make them sick, "I work one day and off one for \$50.00 a day, but we only get it once a month."

We also received a nice letter from Raymond Bogiatto, formerly with Petersons in Watsonville. He has spent 10 months in the Pacific Asiatic theater but returned to the States in June, 1943. He hopes to go out again, but this time to the European theater. Red, please write again.

Earl Cunningham, formerly of Vinings Market in Carmel, told me he wrote two letters to us and we failed to acknowledge them. In checking, we find that he was correct in the matter, but it just happened that we were not acknowledging letters at that particular time. Our apologies to Brother Cunningham, and we will do better next time.

Kenneth Nelson is stationed in Iran, and has been in India. He started in the Infantry and is now in the Quartermaster outfit. Also wishes that he could get some of the good fresh meat from here. Sends his greetings to his old buddies from the Nelson Meat and Live Stock Company.

Nance Cirone has been transferred to Robins Field, Georgia. He became ill again after his last furlough and by the looks of things, will be in the States for the duration. He is a very lucky lad, as his Mama is with him.

A letter from Louie Moro who is still in Colorado. He sent us a picture of himself shoveling snow and must admit he sure looks good. He says they are not cutting much beef but they have plenty of pork. When the boys come in the Mess Hall for chow, all he hears is, "What, pork chops again?" There must be a reason for all that pork.

A letter from Tim Tuttle, who where in India, he believes as he tells us the Sacred Cattle are running all over and they look as bad as the Cannons they killed at Nelsons. Tim says the only meat they get is "Corned Beef Spam" and once in a while "Water Buffalo" but that it is tougher than "HELL". Thanks for the letter, Tim.

Andrew Tedesco writes from New Guinea. They received some meat from James Allen of San Francisco and it was really good beef. Marked U. S. Good, and was boned.

George Cunha wrote to us on February 15th and told us he received the cigarettes just the week before. We know the boys out there won't let us down, George.

and we on the home front are doing our part regardless of what you hear. You might think we are making big wages, but by the time our taxes are taken out we have a small amount to go on. As you say, some fellows don't know just what Unions are for. Of course there are rackets in some Unions, but the majority are really essential to the workers, regardless of what the newspapers might say.

The people on the Home Front have added a few more gray hairs, over their income tax. The lawyers sure made money as they advised every married couple to file separate returns whether the wife worked or not. So of course, one would have to pay two fees for filing, generally \$5.00 per person, and the forms were so complicated, you had to have a lawyer to figure them out. Then to top it all before April 15th we will have to file on our approximate earnings for 1944. Just another headache.

Toney Ramano writes from New Guinea, the land of Jungle and Natives. There are some peculiar things out there, some of the Natives being redheaded, reminding Toney of the women back in the States who dye their hair. These Natives come down to the base on Sundays to sell their products.

We received some nice letters from Earl Stout, Fred Zinani and Fred Perry.

Spring is here and that means we old folks will have to get busy and start our Victory gardens. I have a back yard about the size of a pocket handkerchief. In it there is about a dozen chickens and I just purchased 25 little chicks. I also have a Bird Aviary, a chipmunk cage and a fish pond and still Mrs. Moorhead wants a Victory garden. Wants me to plant root vegetables in the dark of the moon and green vegetables in the light of the moon. I still think she is a bit off, but will plant her vegetables where she wants them, and pray the Good Lord they will grow, so you can see how my home life has changed also. I think I would be better off digging fox holes.

From the boys and girls in the home front of Local No. 506 the Best for All of You.

—EARL

Youth Canteen Construction Is Started

Re-construction of a store building on Main Street near John Street, in Salinas, was started last week with the teen-agers and others anxious to have the Youth Canteen opened here as soon as possible.

Organized labor's fund for the canteen reached \$310 and then stopped abruptly as donations stopped, it was stated unofficially. The labor quota was set at \$500. High rent for the building plus high overhead for running the project will necessitate further help, it was understood.

Howard Smith Attacks On President's Fair Practice Com. Scored

Jacksonville, Florida Denouncing the smear attack of Rep. Howard Smith (D, Va.) on the Committee on Fair Employment Practice, Vice Pres. Milton P. Webster of the Bro. of Sleeping Car Porters (AFL) denied that FEPC lacks authority to halt discrimination in war industry. Webster, a member of FEPC, contended that the agency derives its power from Pres. Roosevelt, who has authority to force compliance with FEPC directives. Basis for the Smith committee's investigation of the agency is its charge that FEPC is exceeding its authority in issuing directives.

The union leader called for creation of a permanent FEPC as the best way to prevent the agency from being "hamstrung and sabotaged by defeatist propaganda and malicious misrepresentations."

Springs In Spring

More and better bedsprings are due soon. WPB gave permission to manufacturers to increase production of bedsprings and box springs by 25 per cent and to improve their quality by using more steel. Metal coils and bunks and crib springs, prohibited for a year and a half, are included in the order.

Hear about the poor little nudist girl crying because she didn't have anything not to wear?

OUTLAND, FRED HART TO DEBATE TONIGHT

Congressman George E. Outland, whose record in behalf of the working man and in support of the present administration is perfect, will speak in Salinas tonight (Friday) on a program which is expected to lead to a debate between Outland and his opponent for the Congress post, Fred Hart, of Salinas.

The meeting will be open to the public and labor union members are especially urged to be present. It will be at 7:30 at the High School auditorium.

During Outland's stay in Salinas he will be escorted by the County Voters League and will speak to smaller groups during the day. Both the AFL and CIO are working to make the rally a big affair. Offices for Outland will be opened in Salinas as soon as arrangements can be completed, it was announced.

Outland has been touring Northern California on congressional business this week-end and was to speak to a Democratic luncheon meeting in San Francisco on Thursday.

The Voters League has been stressing the importance of registration of voters and has been assisted by County Clerk Emmett McMenamin in this project. The Monterey County Central Labor Union at Salinas will not meet tonight (Friday) but members will attend the Outland-Hart meeting in a body, it was announced.

WE HELP THE CARPENTERS (Ladies Auxiliary 373)

A silver tea was enjoyed by Auxiliary 373 on Wednesday, March 22, at the home of Mrs. Carolyn Francis. Games were played by those present with high score being won by Mrs. Lupie Luna. A tea pot was sold, with Mrs. Dorothy McAnaney finally getting it. Mrs. McAnaney also won a guessing game contest.

Money from the tea will be added to the auxiliary's general funds and will probably be used for war relief. Attending the tea were Mrs. Marie Brayton, Mrs. Lupie Luna, Mrs. Helen Keiser, Mrs. Jean Pilliar, Mrs. Grace Logue, Mrs. Bertha Thurman, Mrs. Astrid Nelson, Mrs. Goldie Francis, Mrs. Edna McHair, Mrs. Dorothy McAnaney, Mrs. Bernice Pilliar and Little Garland and Edward Pilliar.

Carpenters Union 925 and Auxiliary 373 were hosts and hostesses to the Lincoln Street USO on Saturday, April 1. Sandwiches, coffee, salads, olives and pickles were served by the ladies and judging by the way the food disappeared it must have been enjoyed by our servicemen.

Those helping to make this activity a success were Mrs. Lupie Luna, Mrs. Helen Keiser, Mrs. Edna McHair, Mrs. Bertha Thurman, Mrs. Roy Brayton, Mrs. Goldie Francis, Mrs. Grace Logue, Mrs. Dorothy McAnaney, Mrs. Astrid Nelson, Mrs. Myrtle Martin, Mrs. Ruby Miller, Mr. Roy Brayton and Mr. Hal Logue.

Those sending refreshments but unable to attend included Mrs. Olivia Logue, Mrs. Jean Pilliar, Mrs. Bernice Pilliar and Mrs. Carolyn Francis.

We of the auxiliary wish to extend a vote of thanks to our USO Chairman Mrs. Lupie Luna. She works hard on planning these USO feeds and things always run pretty close to schedule. "Take a bow, Lu, for a job well done!"

There was great excitement at the Logue home on Saturday, April 1. David Logue was home on leave from the Navy. Grace said it was like old times to have a son around the house again.

Our next meeting will be a business meeting on Wednesday, April 12. We'll see you all then, we hope.

—DOROTHY J. McANANEY

Gone Are the Days . . .
Whether the cause is the war or the greater use of machinery, there are fewer horses, colts and mules on the farms of this country than in any year since 1875, the census shows.

John McVan Named B. A. of Laborers In Monterey

John McVan was named business agent of Laborers Union 690 of Monterey last week, succeeding Ross Reese, who resigned. McVan will have his offices at the union's headquarters in the Labor Temple building, which was built by Local 690.

Reese submitted his resignation suddenly and reportedly is working at the Spiegel dehydration plant at Salinas. Reason for the resignation was not announced.

Brother McVan is an old timer in the local and is popular with all members. He announced that he will co-operate closely with the Building Trades Council.

ALONG CANNERY ROW (AFL Fish Cannery Workers)

Del Mar Canning Co. started packing small sardines last week when the first summer catch was poured into the hoppers, but the quality of the fish was poor and the summer pack is not expected to be much until the fish are better.

Because of the soft fish, the salt pack was not started yet, union officials stated, but a number of plants will salt sardines when the quality of the fish improves.

Packing of squid during this week-end, the "light of the moon," was expected if any are brought in.

President-Business Agent Louis Martin and Delegate Joe Perry, attending the Seafarers International Union convention at New Orleans, sent the union a card last week, telling that they arrived a day late and got to New Orleans just in time to attend opening sessions of the convention. Lou didn't say if he got seasick!

The union executive board held a short meeting on Monday night, April 3. The membership will be informed of the board's actions at the coming membership meeting, date not yet set.

Mrs. Dora Dumont, who worked at Hovden's, is in the Community Hospital following an operation. The union hopes for her speedy recovery.

Peter Callahan, who suffered injuries on the job and was laid up for a long time, passed away last week. The union will miss Brother Callahan.

Josephine Borman, member of the union's executive board, now is working at Fort Ord, doing her bit for the war effort until enough fish have been brought in to make it worth while to return to Cannery Row. She has a job where she must use the public address system to call persons to the office or to send out announcements.

Happy Easter!
—THE CAN OPENER.

THE PLUMBER TALKS

Plumbers Union 503 Salinas, Calif.

Shorty Goodson still is in the hospital but is getting better fast.

Phil Prater, who entered the Navy, is being sent to San Diego for training.

Louie Jenkins, our business agent, is getting better and better, but slowly. He's able to be up and around the house now.

If you haven't seen the remodeler Labor Temple and the new offices of Local 503, better run up to 117 Pajaro now. The Laborers did a swell job on that meeting hall!

On The Wagon

The little Koala bears in Australia are every child's dream of a real teddy bear. The name "Koala," means "I don't drink." The bears were named this because they literally don't drink. They get what liquid they need from the Eucalyptus and other native trees of Australia. They can't live in other countries because they must have these trees on which they live.

WAREHOUSEMEN 890 LETTER TO MEMBERS

By PETER A. ANDRADE, Secretary To All Members Employed at Spiegel Foods Company:

This is to advise you that the week beginning with April 10th will be RED CROSS week. The Salinas Chapter of the American Red Cross will set up a booth in the cafeteria and anyone who so desires may contribute by giving a cash donation, because no payroll deduction will be made through the Company. The company will cooperate to the extent of having some of the girls from the plant assist the Red Cross in this drive.

As you know, fifty to seventy five members of Local 890 who were employed at the plant are in the armed forces; some of them have already met the enemy on the battle fronts and some of your brothers' lives have been saved because of the prompt attention given them by the AMERICAN RED CROSS through its thousands of relief agencies all over the world such as blood, food, clothing and shelter. Only last week Charles Ramey, President of your Union was inducted in the army. You will be given credit for all donations made at the plant.

In Union Circles MONTEREY

Henry Diaz, secretary of Plumbers 62 and former business agent of this local, almost lost a finger the other day. He was cutting pipe when his hand slipped. The tip of the finger was sliced off cleanly, but no bone was cut. A doctor put it back together with "scotch tape."

Carpenters 1323 held their quarterly meeting in Monterey last Monday night, with refreshments served afterwards.

Charles Saxton, former president of Culinary-Bartenders 483, knows how! Brother Saxton, who worked at Hotel San Carlos, has opened the new Bank Restaurant and on opening night had all public officials, high labor officials, and everyone who is prominent in Monterey as guests for a big dinner.

Labor Temple Is Now Ready For Meetings

The Labor Temple, remodeled and repainted inside by Laborers Union 272, which purchased the hall, is ready for union meetings again. It was announced by the Hall Association.

Seating capacity of the new, larger hall is about 75 but extra seats can be added if necessary. A small, executive board meeting room, is available also.

Laborers Union 272 and Plumbers Union 503 have offices in the Labor Temple. The old office space of Painters 1104 has been made available, the Hall Association announced, and more space for offices can be provided.

The rear building has been transformed into a card room for idle workers, and the former living quarters have been fixed up and a janitor installed there to watch the buildings and care for the yard.

In Union Circles SALINAS

Painters 1104 initiated three new members at their last meeting. Secretary Ted Hartman reports.

Dr. Horace Dormody, candidate for state senate, writes that he will give a fair deal to all on labor legislation and urges labor to support him for election. He suggests that labor bring him their program and express labor's stand on state problems, when he has been elected.

George Sine, formerly a leader in Carpenters 925 and now in a shipyard at Vallejo, wrote the labor council in Salinas last week urging a protest to U. S. senators and congressmen against lack of social security benefits for workers in government employ. The labor council ordered such a letter prepared.

Secretary Bud Kenyon of the labor council has the annual blisters on his dukes from spading his Victory garden, he says—we always thought his wife did the spading!

Pearl Huddleson, member of the Culinary Alliance, is recovering from a serious illness. We're hoping she will be up and around again soon.

Memo to Red Carey: Members of the Pinochle Club are anxious to get some instructions on the game from an expert!

WHOLESALE PERJURY! Circulators Get Signatures Thru Misrepresenting

(CFLNL) San Francisco, Calif.

Heedless of any precaution, the circulators of the anti-victory measure with the misleading title of "Right to Employment" are continuing to commit the most outrageous perjury in soliciting signatures for their shockingly disruptive petition. Depending on a technicality, these circulators apparently are instructed to carry on their salesmanship in as loose a manner as possible.

The technicality involved is to have the signer of a petition read it. If the solicitor for signatures makes that qualification, such a person is technically protected under the law. It is common reasoning that the average citizen does not take the time or bother to read the petition he is asked to sign, and is traduced by the lying propaganda handed out to him.

That is why it is so extremely urgent that every member of a labor union appoint himself or herself, as the case may be, to spread all the information he possibly can regarding these petitions and to warn would-be signers as to their disruptive nature.

Word has been received by the Federation that the backers of these petitions are extremely active in offering very liberal terms to attract as many circulators as they possibly can.

It has been established that members of the Merchants and Manufacturers Association in the southern part of the state, are contributing to the financing of this carefully devised plan to create confusion and chaos on the home front.

Million House Units Per Year Shown As U. S. Building Need

New York City America's post-war demand for housing probably will exceed a million units per year for the first ten years after the firing stops and should bring employment and production in the home-construction and related industries up to levels "in excess of anything accomplished in the past."

This is one of the central findings of a major survey of the entire field of American housing, its problems and prospects, soon to be issued by the Twentieth Century Fund.

CALIFORNIA RAIL MEN SUPPORT FDR FOR FOURTH TERM

San Francisco, Calif.

Representing 22 California lodges with thousands of members, the State Legislative Board of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen, meeting March 25, voted unanimously, "wholeheartedly and without reservation," to endorse a fourth term for Franklin D. Roosevelt as President. Copies of a resolution of endorsement were forwarded to the President, to D. B. Robertson, international president, to the railroad publication "Labor," and to the press of the state.

The resolution lauds the peace and war leadership of the President; commends him for his "sympathetic understanding of the problems of our people"; endorses his "policies of foreign and national administration"; and declares that he is "qualified to lead the nation through the difficult and complicated peacetime readjustments in the eight points of economic security and prosperity contained in his second bill of rights."

Indiana's Old Labor Veteran Quits His Post

Indianapolis, Indiana Adolph J. Fritz, Indiana's dean of labor, secretary-treasurer of the Indiana Federation of Labor for more than 27 years, resigned because of ill health. John Acker of Lafayette, IFL second vice president, was named to succeed Fritz by a special meeting of the federation executive committee.

U. S.: Please Copy!



Helping to improve the vitality of the coming generation, 1,000 women volunteers feed 40,000 needy Puerto Rican children daily in 350 free milk canteens. The program is a cooperative effort of various government agencies. Continental U. S. should adopt this program. (Federated Pictures)

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The Labor Editor Speaks

HIGH COST OF INSURANCE

One of the best arguments for some kind of a national life-insurance set-up, operated by the government, is to be found in figures submitted by the TNEC (Temporary National Economic Committee), which was appointed by Congress to investigate the concentration of economic power. Some of these figures are startling, and show that there is something fundamentally wrong with the present set-up. We are indebted to Herman A. Seligson, writing in the June "Fraternal Worker" for the following data:

During a ten year period covered by the investigation (from 1928 to 1937) \$126 billion of insurance terminated, went off the books, in the following way—
 Less than 1% were paid out as maturities, or endowments.

Less than 7% were paid out as death claims.

Over 51% were lapsed, without a penny to the policy holder, a complete loss.

Over 26% were surrendered with some return to the policy holder, but a loss of part of his savings.

Thus, less than 7% was paid out in accordance with the purposes for which insurance is bought—savings or protection. Over 77% of the policies were given up.

What this country needs is a complete "cradle to grave" social insurance set-up, and the next step in the program is the adoption of the Wagner-Murray-Dingell bill. Put the heat on your congressman to get back of it!

AT 'PEACE' WITH FINLAND

The USSR recognized the government of Italy with whom we are at peace. The United States maintained full recognition of Finland and our representatives watched the Finns bombing Leningrad. The Finns bombed our convoys, sank our ships and killed American seamen—and we didn't even protest.

We're so-o-o-o-o sorry for "poor little Finland." Butcher Mannerheim broke up the Finnish democratic government established in 1916, herded 15,000 men, women and children into camps and killed every one. He put more than 90,000 in jail and more than 15,000 of these died of hunger. Most of the rest were sentenced to hard labor for life.

We support the enemy of the Soviets, and we're mad because they support our "friends!"

THE LESSON OF TVA

Undoubtedly the grandest, most useful piece of work ever done in the world by one organization is the Tennessee Valley Project. The river is completely under control by twenty-nine dams. More dams are building to make more power available to prospective users. Last year it earned over \$15 million with electric power set at a very low rate. It furnishes power to numerous plants for the making of war supplies.

The authority co-operates with local communities in the planning of roads, parks, water supply, soil erosion, experimental and model farms, tree-growing projects, canneries, marketing, and many others. The whole region has been transformed from one of the most backward and miserable areas to one of the most hopeful and prosperous.

And now Congress has under consideration a bill to prevent any further expansion!

THE SOCIAL BAROMETER

Prostitution will persist as long as unemployment, insecurity of jobs, lack of homes exists. The extent of prostitution is the measure of the soundness of the social structure.

IF CAROL IS CARELESS

Drew Pearson predicts that Russia will make King Carol the new Rumanian ruler. If so, Carol would have to do as he is told, because if Stalin told the peasants to "go get 'im" Carol wouldn't last long enough to get across the border. Maybe, for the same reason, Russia recognized the "moronic" King of Italy. Russia assured the Finns that it asked no change of government, but the common people of Finland are so disgusted with the Mannerheim clique that they probably wouldn't object to their "liquidation" later on.

The United States Bureau of Mines has discovered a new process for manufacturing high-grade steel from "low-grade" ore. The Pacific states have mountains of iron ore. The new process will enable the western states to produce steel and eliminate heavy freight charges—"Pittsburgh plus."

Russian scientists at the Delta Experimental Station of Mississippi have succeeded in growing cotton tinted red, brown, blue, green and yellow. Will the German dye trust die?

Coughlin Gang Launch Boom For O'Daniel As President

New York City

A nationwide campaign by Harry Woodring's anti-Roosevelt American Democratic National Committee and Father Charles E. Coughlin's machine to foist Sen. W. Lee O'Daniel (D., Tex.) on the American people as their next President was exposed by The New York Post.

Accompanying Woodring on his present tour of the south to whip up O'Daniel support is Robert M. Harriss, financial adviser to the fascist priest for 15 years, the Post revealed. Harriss, who has been helping finance and organize the Nationalist Democrats in New York and southern states, was head of the New York delegation to Woodring's first organization meeting in Chicago last February.

COUGHLIN TIE-UP
 William J. Goodwin, Coughlin's eastern director, named by Woodring to control his New York state machinery, is planning to transform his Coughlinite American Rock party into the Queens county section of Woodring's outfit, the Post said.

Woodring, ex-secretary of war and former governor of Kansas, told a Houston, Tex., audience that his party wants a "type of man like Sen. W. Lee O'Daniel" for its presidential candidate in November.

Traveling with Woodring in Texas was J. E. McDonald, state commissioner of agriculture. Both were guests in Houston of Clarence M. Malone, president of the Guardian Trust Co. McDonald is Texas representative on Woodring's committee.

RABID LABOR-BAITER

During Woodring's visit to Texas O'Daniel, one of the most rabid labor baiters in the Senate, embarked on a tour of his home state to "warn people at the forks of the creek of the skulduggery in Washington."

A Draft O'Daniel for President campaign is already under way via a daily hillbilly music program over station KXYZ in Houston. O'Daniel's chief claim to notoriety in labor circles is his authorship of the so-called O'Daniel formula, model for the anti-labor bills introduced in 43 states at the instigation of the Christian American Assn.

LITTLE LUTHER
 An attack of the measles prevents Mr. Dilworth from discussing world affairs with Little Luther this week.

Father and Son Are Partners in Seabees

In Nashville, Tenn., are two seabees who worked and fought and were wounded together. Members of the same battalion which saw service in the South Pacific war zone, they are Earl F. Turner, carpenter's mate 1/c, and his son, John T. Turner, seaman 1/c.

Before enlisting in the seabees, the father was a member of Local 763, International Association of Fire Fighters (AFL). Describing how he was wounded by a Japanese bomb on Rendova, Turner said that although his outfit was hard hit during the landing operation, the work of constructing hospitals, roads, airfields and landing strips went grimly on.

Hit Congressman For Bill Giving Fishing Rights To Big Cannery

Washington, D. C.
 A charge that Sen. Mon C. Wallgren (D., Wash.) has introduced a bill to subsidize the big canneries by granting them free and exclusive rights in the Alaskan waters that produce half of the nation's salmon catch was made March 24 by the People's Lobby, Inc.

People's Lobby is headed by Bishop Francis J. McConnell and Benjamin C. Marsh is its executive secretary.

The statement said the Wallgren Bill (S. 930) is "a subsidy in salmon to the big canneries," and that it would "grant perpetual and exclusive rights in valuable trapping areas in Alaskan coastal waters to half a dozen big companies which haven't been rooters for price control."

Named in the statement were Libby, McNeill & Libby, P. E. Harris & Co., and Pacific-American Fisheries, Inc.

Epitaph

Here lies W. Pegler
 Beyond earthly strife;
 Here he lies
 As he did in life.

THE MARCH OF LABOR



"THE INCREDIBLE TITO—MAN OF THE HOUR"—by Howard Fast, author of "Citizen Tom Paine"—25 cents, Lev Gleason Publications.

Howard Fast's latest publication, a little book of about 40 pages, is one of the first authentic accounts of the amazing man who has become perhaps the most colorful hero of this war—Marshal Tito, leader of the Yugoslav Army of Liberation (Partisans).

Written in the vivid style which characterized Fast's "Citizen Tom Paine," this book tells many little-known details of Tito's background as a fighter against oppression in the days of the Russian revolution and during the Spanish civil war.

I met Tito in Madrid in 1938 and can confirm Fast's description of his physical similarity to Abraham Lincoln—"The same large jaw, the big, bony build, the lined face, the deep-set eyes, the large nose."

After the defeat of Spanish democracy, Tito escaped to France. There he was contacted by an agent of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee committee, and the committee provided funds and means for Tito's return to Yugoslavia. Had it not been for the assistance of this committee, Tito might never have reached his native land to lead the fight against fascism.

The description of the spontaneous reaction of the Yugoslav people to Nazi domination is a highlight of the book. Lashed by the almost unbelievable brutality of the occupying forces, who had forced the surrender of Yugoslavia's regular army in 10 days of fighting, bands of guerrilla fighters began to organize all over the country.

Two weeks after the surrender, a poster appeared in Belgrade, containing the slogan which became the battle cry of the Partisans: "Germans! We give you solemn warning—Leave Yugoslavia—Death to all fascists! Liberty to the People!"

The organization of Partisan

forces under Tito's leadership is described in some detail. As soon as the Liberation Front was formed, anti-fascists of every political and religious creed flocked to join it. Catholic priests accompanied Communist-led bands into battle and confessed the dying. A real and lasting unity of the people was forged in guerrilla warfare.

Further expression was given to this unity by the formation in December 1943 of the provisional government which, headed by Dr. Ivan Ribar, comprised representatives of all groups—trade unionists, peasant leaders, priests, communists—who had proved themselves sincere in their desire to defeat the Nazis.

While the Partisans' struggle against the invader was in full fury they had still another enemy to contend with—their treacherous compatriot General Draja Mihailovich. Left in command by King Peter's fleeing government, Mihailovich, who approved the Yugoslav pre-war brand of dictatorship, determined to destroy Tito and his forces.

Twice Tito met with Mihailovich in an attempt to show him that the real salvation of Yugoslavia lay in uniting for the purpose of defeating the Germans; twice, Mihailovich betrayed him. The Allied high command recognized, however, that it was Tito's partisans alone who were keeping 15 Nazi divisions hopelessly tied up in Yugoslavia. Only as a result of this military recognition has the Mihailovich myth finally been exploded.

Howard Fast's exciting book explodes many other myths as well, for no leader and no movement have been so badly misrepresented to the world as have Tito and the Partisan fighters. The battle cry of the Partisans, "Death to all Fascists! Liberty to the People!" has at last, however, been heard by all the world, and it will stir you through the medium of this book.

—FREDERICK THOMPSON.

Unions Must File Returns!

(CFLNL) The Bureau of Internal Revenue has announced that in accordance with the new law, all labor organizations will have to file returns by May 15, 1944, on their income and expenditures for the year 1943. Specific instructions or interpretations have yet to be issued and the Bureau has not as yet supplied any forms. Labor organizations should watch for further announcements on this matter.

POEM OF THE WEEK

Love Much

Love much—earth has enough of bitter in it;
 Cast sweets into its cup when'er you can:
 No heart so hard but love at last may win it.
 Love is the grand primeval cause of man,
 All hate is foreign to the first great plan.

Your heart will be led out to slaughter
 On altars built of envy and deceit.
 Love on, love on, 'tis bread upon the waters,
 It shall be cast in loaves yet at your feet,
 Unleavened manna most divinely sweet.

Men's souls contract with cold suspicion
 Shine on them with warm love and they expand.
 'Tis love, not creeds, that from a low condition
 Lifts mankind up to heights supreme and grand.
 Oh, that the world could see and understand.

There is no waste in freely giving.
 More blessed is it even than to receive.
 He who loves much alone finds life worth living,
 Love on through doubt and darkness and believe,
 There is nothing which love may not achieve.
 —ELLA WHEELER WILCOX.

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ABYSMAL IGNORANCE

A certain local man, when courting his lady friend, rode a black donkey which he parked in a cemetery across the road. One dark night, while departing, he mistook the black outline of a newly-dug grave for his beast, gave a leap, fell in, and broke his neck. The coroner, in making his report, wrote:

"Death caused by his inability to tell his animal from a hole in the ground."

ORIGINAL IMPRESSION

Bob Hope was asked what went through his mind when he first saw Dorothy Lamour in a sarong. Said Bob:

"I never gave it a second thought. I was too busy with the first one."

DEVOTEE DE LUXE

HENRY: "How would you define a true music lover?"

TOM: "He's a man who, when hearing a soprano in his bathroom, puts his ear to the keyhole."

IGNORANCE IS BLISS

SUSIE: "Last night I drank six highballs. I wonder if I did wrong?"

FLUSIE: "My goodness, woman—can't you remember?"

THE LAST WORD

Soon after American troops moved into the Mediterranean area, Lieut. Gen. Mark Clark paid a courtesy call on the Sultan of Morocco. As General Clark left, the sultan said:

"This has been the greatest thrill of my life. It is the most wonderful day I have ever experienced."

"Your highness," responded General Clark, "for a man who has 95 wives that is indeed an appreciative statement."

CAN'T BLAME IT ON FDR

Max Baer, former heavyweight champion, now a sergeant, recently remarked:

"I'm in this war because I was responsible for starting it. I figure it this way: I knocked out Schmeling in 1933 and made Hitler mad. The next year I knocked out Carnera and made Mussolini mad. So they started a war."

SAW THE MILKMAID

The arithmetic class was learning weights and measures.

"What does milk come in?" asked the teacher.

"In pinks," ventured Betty.

"And what else?"

"I know," shouted Johnny, who had spent the past summer on the farm, "in squirts."

A TERRIBLE SHOCK

Desperately in need of 50 cents, a fellow we know finally got up enough courage to open his pay envelope before taking it home to his exacting wife. Somewhat mystified at what he found therein, he hurried back to the cashier who had given him the envelope.

"You've given me \$10 too much, I'm afraid," he stammered.

The cashier counted the bills and coins, then replied impatiently: "It's quite correct. I suppose you've forgotten that you got a \$10 raise last month."

He placed his hand across his eyes, shrank into his collar farther and said faintly: "My wife never told me."

TO BE EXPECTED

"That sailor I was with last night sure was a fast worker."

"What do you expect of a fleet man?"

FEROCIOUS

"What's that ugly insignia on the side of the bomber?"

"Sh-h-h-h. That's the commanding officer looking out of the port-hole."

A MIS-CONCEPTION

As the class had been told to write an essay on Lincoln—one of the pupils wrote—"Abraham Lincoln was born on a bright summer day, the 12th of February, 1809. He was born in a log cabin that he had helped his father to build."

BENDING THE ELBOW

Medico: "Frequent water drinking will prevent you from becoming stiff in the joints."

Dough Boy: "Yes, but some of the joints don't serve water."

One reason a dog is a good friend: his tail wags, not his tongue.

Keep Pampering the Old Darling!



He's as comforting as old shoe...your dependable water heater? Normally he would be no worry. But you are doing more family washing and doing more "putting up" that means scalding jars and glasses... doing more floor scrubbing on your own hands and knees. That's all good and patriotic work, BUT... Your water heater is working harder delivering more hours of heating the gallons of water you are using in greater and greater amount. So, sort of pamper your water heater; won't you? This is how; do not waste hot water. Check leaking faucets. Open the drain valve on your heater every few months and run water into a bucket until clear of sediment. And when trouble seems serious, call a master plumber.



For Better Cooking . . .

Looks like cooking is good these days. The government says onions and garlic are getting scarce—and it's a larger demand rather than a shorter supply thanks to blame. Here's a new seasoning tip in case you have trouble finding onions: use celery instead. Both the leaves and stalks add flavor to food.

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JACK MARIS**CIO Unions Split In Reactions to Post-War Value Of Baruch Plan**

New York City

Support for the Baruch post-war planning report and for CIO Pres. Philip Murray's development of war and post-war policies outlined in the report was voted by the general executive board of United Electrical Radio & Machine Workers at its quarterly meeting.

"The Baruch-Hancock plan presents a constructive program for tightening the war mobilization machine and planning the orderly transition to the period following victory," the union leaders said. Proposals in the report "can find application only to the degree that we maintain national unity under the leadership of President Roosevelt," they added.

An opposing view was taken by the national executive council of Textile Workers Union (CIO), which termed the Baruch report "a pattern for a return to 'business as usual' and a denial of the principles of a militant democracy for which we believe this war is being fought."

The plan "fails in almost every respect to meet the social and economic needs of the common people of the U. S.," the council declared. Assailing the report's omission of labor representation in reconversion plans, the council said: "In the main, the Baruch plan is a blueprint for another return to 'normalcy' and on its face is merely another drive by free enterprisers to 'get the government out of business' and the country back into the disastrous groove of cartels and monopolies."



By TED TAYLOR

Hollywood, Calif. Business leaders here have organized Civilian Servicemen to visit wounded veterans and give them bedside chats about the bright new postwar world industry is planning. The intention is to interest discharged soldiers in training for technical positions in television, plastics, transportation, food processing and other industries.

"We want servicemen to know they are considered by businessmen as an integral part of our total life," explains Henry Ginsberg, Paramount studio exec, one of the prime movers.

George Shellenberger, Merchants & Manufacturers Assn. exec, is another leader, and a varied roster of business officials and technical experts has started visiting the Army and Navy hospitals in this area.

Civilian Servicemen would give the vets "insight into all types of industry, broaden their knowledge while they are hospitalized and occupy their minds through discussions among the men themselves."

Doctors, nurses, chaplains will be urged to encourage conversation on business topics between the beds.

Presumably the businessmen will have an easier time getting permission to conduct bedside seminars than some unions whose sole purpose was to enliven the wards with music and games Sunday afternoons.

Committees of girl members of Screen Office Employees Guild (AFL) have been holding hospital parties every week for several months—and with no sales talks. Still they report rebuffs from some hospital authorities.

There is a constructive base to the businessmen's project, despite the undoubted purpose to sow seeds of business philosophy. Might be smart for unions to hand out some rehabilitation ideas too.

CROSBY SPEAKS UP. Bing Crosby won more friends with his broadcast opening: "This is the Kraft music hall, bound out for every quarter of the globe where American citizens are fighting for our right to vote. Certainly seems the least we can do to protect theirs."

THE CHINESE SPIRIT. Look magazine will have a layout on San Francisco's Chinatown photographed by James Wong Howe, movie camera ace. Feature of the spread will be Danny Kaye and Constance Dowling jitterbugging at the Chinese USO.

"BOTH WILL HANDLE SOME RANK FILMS," headline in Daily Variety, didn't refer to that Rick-Backer film at all. Story was about J. Arthur Rank's Anglo-American film marketing enterprise.

OVER THE RIVER. Argentines crossing the river into Uruguay snapped up newspaper extras headlined Muerte de Hitler. It was a publicity stunt, but no Argentine movie column had let it be known there was a picture called The Strange Death of Adolf Hitler.

Only by crossing the Platte to Montevideo can anti-fascist citizens of Buenos Aires see Five Graves to Cairo, Appointment in Berlin and other Axis belittlers. The Great Dictator has been showing two years steady in a Montevideo second-run house.

Some people will believe anything if you tell it to them in a whisper.

WAVES Teach Navy Pilots Gunnery

OFFICIAL U. S. NAVY PHOTOGRAPH

WAVES operate synthetic gunnery training devices—not actual aircraft machine guns—but this girl is finding out what the real thing is like. Hundreds of Navy fliers who today are shooting down Jap and Nazi planes received their primary machine gun training under tutelage of the girls in Navy blue. The Navy needs—and needs now—thousands of girls for exciting, as well as prosaic, jobs with the WAVES. Information is available at any Navy Recruiting Station or Office of Naval Officer Procurement.

WHITE SUPREMACY

The following paragraphs are from an editorial published in the "Washington Post":

"The (South Carolina) House of Representatives . . . passed a resolution reaffirming 'our belief in and our allegiance to established white supremacy as now prevailing in the South.' This is so close to the Hitlerian doctrine of 'Nordic or Aryan supremacy' as to be indistinguishable from it. Yet the South Carolina spokesmen declare that 'agitators of the North (who would supplant this doctrine with the democratic principle of human equality) are playing into the hands of Nazi philosophy of conquest to first divide, then conquer.' Granted that the Union and South Carolina is divided, into whose hands is South Carolina playing?"

"It is a lonely war that the South Carolina House of Representatives would have its great State wage. Divorced from the splendid company of the United Nations who proudly number black and white and brown and yellow and red men among their armies, it must fight in isolation. And to isolation its House of Representatives would consign it in the peace. For the rest of the free world will not end its struggle against Nazism until it has established upon earth a truth which the founders of South Carolina held to be self-evident: that all men are created equal."

The Fight For Truth!**AFL-CIO HEADS CLAIM WAR DEPT. DODGES DUTY TO GET LABOR FACTS TO THE ARMY**

Washington, D. C.

Evasions and half-truths were laid to the U. S. War Department here in a joint statement issued by the American Federation of Labor and the Congress of Industrial Organizations following a War Department statement that army publications are giving troops a full, fair and accurate picture of the wartime achievements of U. S. labor.

The army's release came at a press conference held by Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson. Stimson said editors of the AFL-CIO and the CIO News together with "other competent students of newspaper techniques, have examined the material distributed to army publications by the Army News Service and have commended it for telling the news honestly and objectively."

ISSUE JOINT STATEMENT

In a joint AFL-CIO release cleared through the AFL office the two labor organizations said: "The statement issued by the War Department yesterday regarding our labor's requests that servicemen be supplied with 'more and straighter' news about labor's record on the home front is full of evasions and half-truths."

"The AFL and the CIO strongly resent the implication in the War Department statement that labor asked the Army to police all American publications or to withhold from soldiers publications which they want to read."

"No such request was made, directly or indirectly. Representatives of the AFL and the CIO suggested to Undersecretary of War Robert P. Patterson at a recent conference that if American troops are actually misinformed, the War Department owes a responsibility to give them the full truth."

METHOD SUGGESTED
"We recommend several ways in which this responsibility could be effectively carried out. One way

would be for the Army to state the facts on war production officially to servicemen in a manner similar to the recent Truman report. Another way would be to permit labor organizations to make their own publications more widely accessible to the soldiers, a privilege now severely curtailed by Army regulations."

"Labor's complaint was that in news the soldiers have been receiving, stories about strikes have been overemphasized out of all proportion and that the constructive achievements of war production program and labor's contribution thereto have been for the most part subordinated. The War Department's statement indicates a disposition to dodge a fundamental responsibility. We consider this decision a grave mistake."

He's Out For Blood

Latest claimant to the union blood donor championship is Basile T. Gaboury, a member of Local 10, International Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union, Gaboury, a San Francisco longshoreman, had a date with his Red Cross blood bank on April 7 to give his 17th pint. And what he's doing is contagious.

His entire longshore gang is donating, too, because Gaboury says he's "out for blood any way I can get it" and reports he has recruited over 4000 donors since last July.

Get Ready To Vote!

How many labor unionists really go to the polls and vote? On the face of it, it looks as if trade unionists always vote, but recent reports to this office indicate that some labor unionists do not even register. This is a sad commentary upon the vitality of the movement and also upon the vitality of democracy itself.

The most distinguishing characteristic of democracy is the right of citizens to vote for their representatives and to create national policies by their vote. If they stay away from the polls, they are sapping away at the very foundations of the republic.

Trade unionists know also that the present Congress is a Congress very hostile to labor. They should know also that every trend indicates that the new Congress, re-created in the 1944 elections, will be even more anti-labor.

If they want to reverse this trend, they should begin now to register to vote in November and to let the trade union vote to the polls for candidates that will speak for labor and see that justice is done to the wage earners of this country.

—ELECTRICAL WORKERS JOURNAL.

Arbitration's Misuse Halted By Board Rule

(CFLNL) San Francisco

Ruling that neither party to an arbitration proceeding conducted under a voluntary agreement to accept the arbitrator's award: as final and binding may challenge the award if it is permissible under the wage stabilization program, the National War Labor Board has halted what was well on its way to becoming a peculiarly vicious and downright dangerous practice of the Board.

For some time employers who accepted such awards as binding and final, except for the portions affecting wages which had to be submitted to the Regional WLB for approval, have been permitted by the Board to appear before it and oppose all or any parts of the award. Under the new ruling, this will no longer be possible.

"MOCKERY OF ARBITRATION"
Organized labor throughout the country has been roused to indignation by this practice, which made a mockery of arbitration. Since the provision that both parties to the issue should voluntarily bind themselves by the arbitrator's decisions was rapidly becoming meaningless by the Board's willingness to re-open cases and rule differently on the award, organized labor was at the point of refusing to go through arbitration any longer. The recent decision has therefore preserved intact this very valuable instrument for settling wage disputes without lengthy and costly work stoppages.

The NWLB's decision to treat arbitration awards involving wages as voluntary applications when they come before it is described as "both logical and equitable," by Dr. George W. Taylor, vice-chairman of the WLB. "In agreeing beforehand that the award of a particular arbitrator will be final and binding upon them," Dr. Taylor stated, "the parties to the arbitration agreement have given a status to the award which is similar to an agreement between them. . . . The commitment of the companies, voluntarily entered into, to accept the arbitrator's award as 'binding and conclusive on both parties' imposes an obligation upon them to accept the award in good faith. They cannot properly complain to the National Board about the arbitrator's award after the Regional War Labor Board, by approving it, has specifically ruled that it involved no wage increase contrary to the stabilization program."

In regard to any reviews by the National Board of decisions in such cases, it must be remembered that a petition for review by the National Board may be filed only when the Regional Board has denied or modified the application for wage adjustment.

**Potatoes Can Be Used In Variety Of Forms, Tastes**

Few vegetables can compare with the potato in its use as food in a variety of forms and tastes. Here are a few recipes:

POTATO HOT POT

- 1 quart sliced raw potatoes
- 1 onion, sliced
- 4 tablespoons fat
- 3 c. tomatoes
- 2 teaspoons salt
- Pepper

Cook the potatoes and onion in the fat for 10 minutes. Add the tomatoes, salt and pepper. Cover and simmer for 30 minutes, or until the potatoes are tender and the tomato juice is thickened by the starch potatoes.

POTATO PANCAKES

- 2 c. grated raw potatoes
- 1/4 c. milk
- 1 egg
- 2 tablespoons flour
- Salt
- Pepper

Put the grated potatoes immediately in the milk to help keep them from turning dark. Drain the milk from the potatoes. Add the well-beaten egg to the potatoes . . . then the flour, and just enough of the milk that was drained off to make a stiff batter. Season with salt, pepper, and chopped onion. Drop by large spoonfuls into a well-greased frying pan. Cook the pancakes until well-browned and crisp. Serve at once.

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PAINTERS, DECORATORS AND PAPERHANGERS UNION, LOCAL No. 1104: Meets first and third Tuesday of month at 7:30 p.m. Teamsters Hall. Pres., Donald McBeth; Rec. and Fin. Sec., D. H. Hartman, 614 May Ave., Salinas; office at Teamsters Hall, phone Salinas 8783.

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POSTAL CARRIERS UNION, LOCAL No. 1046: Meets every third Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at 30 Towt St., Salinas; E. L. Sieber, Sec., Phone 2948; P. O. Box 25; Lester Pierce, P. O. Box 25, Salinas.

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SHEET METAL WORKERS UNION, LOCAL 304—President, John Alsup, Pacific Grove, Phone 7825; Business Agent, A. N. Endell, 54 Villa St., Salinas, Phone 7355.

STATE, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES—Meets on call at Labor Temple; H. E. Lyons, pres., 15 West St.; H. V. Rook, 1413 Wren St., secretary.

SUGAR REFINERY WORKERS UNION No. 20616—President, Les Hutchings; Secty., E. M. Jones, 21-A Homestead, Salinas. Meets in Forrester's Hall, Salinas, 2nd and 4th Mondays at 7:30 P. M.

GENERAL TEAMSTERS AND AUTO TRUCK DRIVERS' UNION, LOCAL No. 287—Meets first Wednesday in Oct., Jan., April, July at Teamsters Hall, John and Main Sts., L. R. (Red) Carey secretary, Teamsters Hall, Salinas, phone 7590.

INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCE OF THEATRICAL STAGE EMPLOYEES AND MOTION PICTURE OPERATORS, LOCAL 611—Meets first Tuesday every other month 10 a.m. in Watsonville Labor Temple; Pres. Art Reina, 605 Mae Ave., Phone Salinas 9795; Bus. Agent, James Wilson, 80 Peyton St., Santa Cruz, Phone 2737-R; Rec. Sec., Chas. Covey, 364 Walnut Ave., Santa Cruz.

TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION No. 543—C. R. McCloskey, Salinas, Pres.; A. C. Davis, Sec.-Treas., 109 Prospect St., Watsonville. Meets last Sunday, alternating between Watsonville and Salinas.

UNITED SLATE, TILE & COMPOSITION ROOFERS, DAMP & WATERPROOF WORKERS ASSOCIATION 50—Meets 3rd Friday, 88 p.m., Watsonville Labor Temple; Pres., Lloyd Lovett, 131 So. Branciforte, Santa Cruz; Sec., Frank Walker, 327 Alexander St., Salinas, Ph. 9668.

WAREHOUSE EMPLOYEES UNION, LOCAL 890—Meets first Tuesday night, Teamsters Hall; office at Teamsters Hall, John and Main St., Phone 4893; Pres., Chas. Ramey; Rec. Sec., Ray Ulbrick; Sec.-Treas. and Bus. Rep., Peter A. Andrade.

Church Group Warns of Big Business Plot

New York City
Warning that the reactionary section of big business is waging a private war for control of the nation while the people are busy winning the war abroad, the United Christian Council for Democracy summoned 10,000 church leaders to mobilize with organized labor for political action in 1944.

"The National Association of Manufacturers," the council reported, "has organized a powerful propaganda campaign aiming to reach all Americans at their work or play, through their editors, educators, pastors and club leaders, using newspapers, magazines, the radio and conferences. The people are told that government measures against unemployment, excess profit taxes and food subsidies would destroy the American free enterprise system."

AIM AT FULL CONTROL
"The goal is control of the nation by big business unhampered by government restraint. This means trusts and cartels, dictated prices and restricted production, boom and depression, bankruptcy and unemployment, a new type of fascism and more deadly war."

"Recent actions of Congress show that the reactionaries have already won part of their objectives. They will gain the rest unless the people see through the camouflage under which they advance. The immediate need is to open the eyes of the people to the lies and the half truths of free enterprise propaganda before it leads them into a fascist period from which there is no escape except by the costly road of violence."

LABOR ONLY PROTECTION

Labor's political action program is the means to ward off fascism here, the council told church leaders. "Work in the community councils now being set up to stop the free enterprise from winning the election," it said. "Initiated by progressive labor, these councils aim to include all progressive elements. Since the reactionary coalition which dominates Congress at most points is working to control both parties, independent action on issues and candidates is the only effective political course."

New Deal legislation was passed despite NAM lobbying and propaganda, the council pointed out, adding: "We can win again by the use of democratic political power."

Readers' Digest Gives Smear Sheet A Special Break

What is represented as a paid advertisement in Readers' Digest, longtime magazine accused of fascist leanings, appears in the March 14 issue of The Broom, a smear sheet edited by C. Leon de Aryan, under indictment on charges of treason to the U. S.

The same issue of the paper carried letters from Elizabeth Dilling and Robert Noble, appealing for aid in their sedition trial.

The Digest ad offers for sale reprints of an article by Henry J. Taylor which "exposes the waste and folly of boondoggling on a global basis."

Workers Order Demands Dewey Pardon Schappes

New York City
The general executive board of the International Workers Order wired Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York urging him to pardon unconditionally Morris U. Schappes, anti-fascist leader imprisoned as a result of a political witch hunt instituted by the Rapp-Coudert legislative committee.

ART ON A SCAFFOLD

Here's a story which should blow the wan-artist-in-a-garret fable to smithereens. His hero is ruddy-faced Bernhard Bernstein whose toughened hands are typically those of a structural iron worker. Bernstein has belonged to Local 361, International Association of Bridge Structural & Ornamental Iron Workers (AFL), since 1928. But long before that he was drawing sketches of workers.

Most of his lunch hour is devoted to making rough crayon sketches of his surroundings in New York, which vary from the World's Fair grounds and the 29th floor of the Chrysler Building to the dim, cool walks of the Cloisters. In his brief spare time Bernstein immortalizes construction workers on canvas and in murals.

With his growing fame Bernstein could afford to spend all his time painting, but he says: "I like to draw the worker on the job. He may look rough but to me that is earthly realism. You can see a lot up on a building that an artist cooped up in a studio can't dream of."

Farm-Labor Unity For Victory



Wisconsin farm and labor groups united behind a win-the-war and peace program formulated at the recent Wisconsin Farmer-Labor Cooperative Council conference in Madison. Speakers at the meeting were (l to r): H. R. Johnson, representing railroad unions; U. S. Sec. of Agriculture Claude Wickard; Pres. Thomas White Jr., State Industrial Union Council; and Pres. George Habermann, State Federation of Labor. (Federated Pictures)

Plan to Plunder the Treasury

The Home-Owners' Loan Corporation was the agency created in 1933 to stop the social hemorrhage of home-foreclosures, running at the rate of 1,000 a day when it took over. The HOLC bailed out a million families, with \$3,500,000,000 worth of loans, saved thousands of private loan agencies, salvaged untold human values and expects to wind up its affairs in 1951, if not interfered with, at no cost to the taxpayer. But a powerful banking lobby led by the United States Savings and Loan League wants the HOLC liquidated now. This would mean (1) that the weak loans would be foreclosed by the government, costing the taxpayers \$285,000,000, and (2) that the good loans would be promptly refinanced by private companies, at higher rates, with tremendous profits.

This modest proposal to plunder the Treasury is advanced as an "economy" measure by Senator Byrd and Representative Dickson and has strong support.

—THE NEW REPUBLIC.

AFL-CIO In New York Sign Pact to Iron Out Disputes In Building Trades Crafts

New York City
With Mayor F. H. LaGuardia as a smiling onlooker, representatives of the Building & Construction Trades Council and the Greater New York Industrial Union Council signed a pact creating a joint committee for voluntary settlement of jurisdictional disputes.

Signing the agreement, which affects some 750,000 workers in the construction and allied fields and 30% of AFL workers here, were the 10 members of the new committee. For the AFL they were: Howard McSpedon, building trades council president; John Brennan, secretary-treasurer; Martin T. Lacy, executive secretary; Edward Carough, Sheet Metal Workers, Intl. Assn; and Tim Spillane, Intl. Union of Wood Wire and Metal Lathers.

CIO signers were: Joseph Curran, CIO council president; Ernest Rudloff, vice president; Saul Mills, secretary; Pete Mosele, CIO regional director; and Pres. James McLeish, Dist. 4, United Electrical Radio and Machine Workers.

LEADERS HAIL STEP

The action was hailed as "the first step toward greater cooperation and unity between the main labor organizations in the city" in a joint statement by McSpedon and Mills.

UNIONS ASKED TO PROTEST CAMOUFLAGE 'EQUAL RIGHTS' CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

Washington, D. C.
All local unions and central labor bodies are urged by Mrs. Margaret F. Stone of the National Women's Trade Union League to contact their senators and congressmen opposing the adoption of the so-called "Equal Rights" amendment now on the Senate calendar.

This measure, it is pointed out, is a "phony" in that it uses a camouflage appeal for general equality of constitutional rights for both men and women (something everybody is for as a matter of principle) to set up legislation that would completely nullify most of the existing statutes that protect women from exploitation. Says Mrs. Stone:

"We oppose the so-called Equal Rights Amendment as being illusory and actually inimical to the goal of equal opportunity for women. . . . The proposed amendment would invalidate state legislation regulating hours of work and setting minimum wages for women workers. Adjustments are being made in the administration of these laws so that they do not interfere with the employment of women in war industries. The protection they afford will be needed in the post-war reconstruction period. Organized women workers consider such protection necessary. Proponents of this amendment, not representative of industrial workers, frankly admit that repeal of this type of legislation is one of their goals in supporting the amendment."

"Adoption of this amendment would lead to great confusion. It will not, of itself, correct discriminations against women that now exist. Everything hoped to be accomplished by the amendment can be accomplished without it."

How the Poll Tax Works

In a special election recently held in the First Colorado Congressional District, which is limited to the city of Denver, 79,854 voters went to the polls. It was considered a "light vote." In November, in that same district, the number will probably be increased to 110,000. But that great army of American citizens must be content to be represented by just one member in the National House of Representatives.

On the other hand, in Georgia in 1943, in a general election, only 61,875 voters went to the polls, and that comparatively small army of voters selected 10 members of the National House of Representatives.

In Georgia, on an average, 6,187 voters elect a Congressman. In Colorado, it requires from 79,000 to 110,000.

"Something's wrong," you say. Quite right. It's largely the iniquitous poll tax. Georgia is one of the "poll tax states." A citizen must pay for the privilege of voting.

Supporters of the system will tell you that it is designed to bar the black man from the ballot box. In practice, it bars an army of white men, too.

Farmer-Labor Unity Grows In Wisconsin

By RALPH PETERSON

Madison, Wisconsin

Marking the first gigantic step toward urban-rural unity against reaction and a Congress bent on dividing these two great forces, 400 labor and farm representatives lined up here behind a win-the-war, pro-Roosevelt administration program.

Organizations with a total membership approaching 400,000 were present for the 2-day Wisconsin Farmer-Labor Cooperative Conference recently. Heading up the delegations were representatives of the Farmers Equity Union, the AFL, the CIO, the Midland Cooperative, the Central Cooperative Wholesale, Farmers Union Cooperative Exchange and the railroad brotherhoods.

Included in the program formulated at the unprecedented unity meeting were demands for re-enactment of OPA, AAA and Rural Electrification Administration; a realistic tax program; veto of the states rights soldier vote bill; and maintenance of full production after the war.

An impressive list of speakers filled the first day with a spirited endorsement of the meeting's purpose. Secretary of Agriculture Claude A. Wickard deplored "disunity among farm-labor forces," predicting the Wisconsin conference heralded a national mobilization of progressive forces long split by divisionist tactics of anti-administration forces.

Attacking the Big Four farm bloc groups, Asst. Pres. Van A. Bittner of United Steelworkers, speaking for the CIO, declared there is "only one farm organization in America that is fighting for the small farmer." The program of the Farmers Equity Union would be the farm program of the CIO, he added.

REAL UNITY SPIRIT

K. W. Hones, president of the Wisconsin branch of the National Farmers Union and permanent chairman of the conference, brought applause when he said: "Those opposed to any one group represented here are opposed to all." Other major speakers were: Pres. George Habermann of the Wisconsin Federation of Labor; NFU Pres. James Patton, Sec. Mel Heinrich of the Wisconsin Industrial Union Council; and W. T. Eyjue, editor of the liberal Madison Capital Times.

Coal Truck Drivers Can Be Ladies, Too

Women welders had better move over and make room in the nation's spotlight for—Miss Betty Hauptrecht, woman coal truck driver.

Betty is a member of Local 20, International Brotherhood of Teamsters, and her union brothers in Toledo, O., proudly claim she is the first woman to join a coal drivers' local in the IBT.

Like any other worker, Betty loads her own truck, shovels coal and when necessary wheels it in. She has two especially good reasons for tackling her job with spirit and determination—Sgt. Paul Hauptrecht with the 37th Division in the South Pacific and Pvt. Joseph Hauptrecht stationed at Camp Polk, La., are her brothers.

Four Union Men Convicted When Violating the Connally Act

Scranton, Pennsylvania
The government obtained its first convictions under the Smith-Connally act here recently when four officials of a United Mine Workers local pleaded guilty in federal court to violating the anti-strike law.

Switching from an earlier plea of not guilty, the men were fined \$250 each and put on probation for six months. The men were charged with inducing workers at the Truesdale mine of Glen Alden Coal Co. to stay away from work in an outlaw strike.

War Suggestions By Workers Save Big Sum, Shown

Washington, D. C.
Suggestions from war workers for speeding recovery have brought an estimated saving of \$6,809,343 to the War Department, according to the latest tabulated results of the "Ideas for Victory" program. Between August 1, 1943, when the program went into operation, and the end of December, 47,795 suggestions were received from civilian employees, of which 2,676 were adopted. Cash paid as awards for these suggestions totaled \$52,945.

Bonds payable "after victory" are issued by the Hitler government to reimburse the owners of bombed houses.

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